

To: The State Board of Education Members, The History–Social Science Subject Matter Committee of the Instructional Quality Commission Members

Chapter 15: Grade Ten – World History, Culture, and Geography: The Modern World Chapter of the History-Social Science Framework for California Public Schools.

Page 469. Lines 913 ~ 919: “Comfort Women,” a euphemism for sexual slaves, were taken by the Japanese Army in occupied territories before and during the war. “Comfort Women” can be taught as an example of institutionalized sexual slavery, and one of the largest cases of human trafficking in the twentieth century; estimates on the total number of comfort women vary, but most argue that hundreds of thousands of women were forced into these situations during Japanese occupation.

My Comments:

I demand removing the above entire phrase from Line 913 to 919, Chapter 15.

The Japanese government has clearly expressed that so-called comfort women are not sexual slaves based on the intensive research for this issue.

According to Japanese Prisoner of War Integration Report No.49 by United States Office of War Information, a “comfort girl” is nothing more than a prostitute or “professional camp follower”.

The above paragraph is merely a propaganda tool to defame Japan by another country, and does not reflect the fact of history.

School history textbooks should not teach propaganda to student, and should teach the fact of the history.

Thank you for your consideration.

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